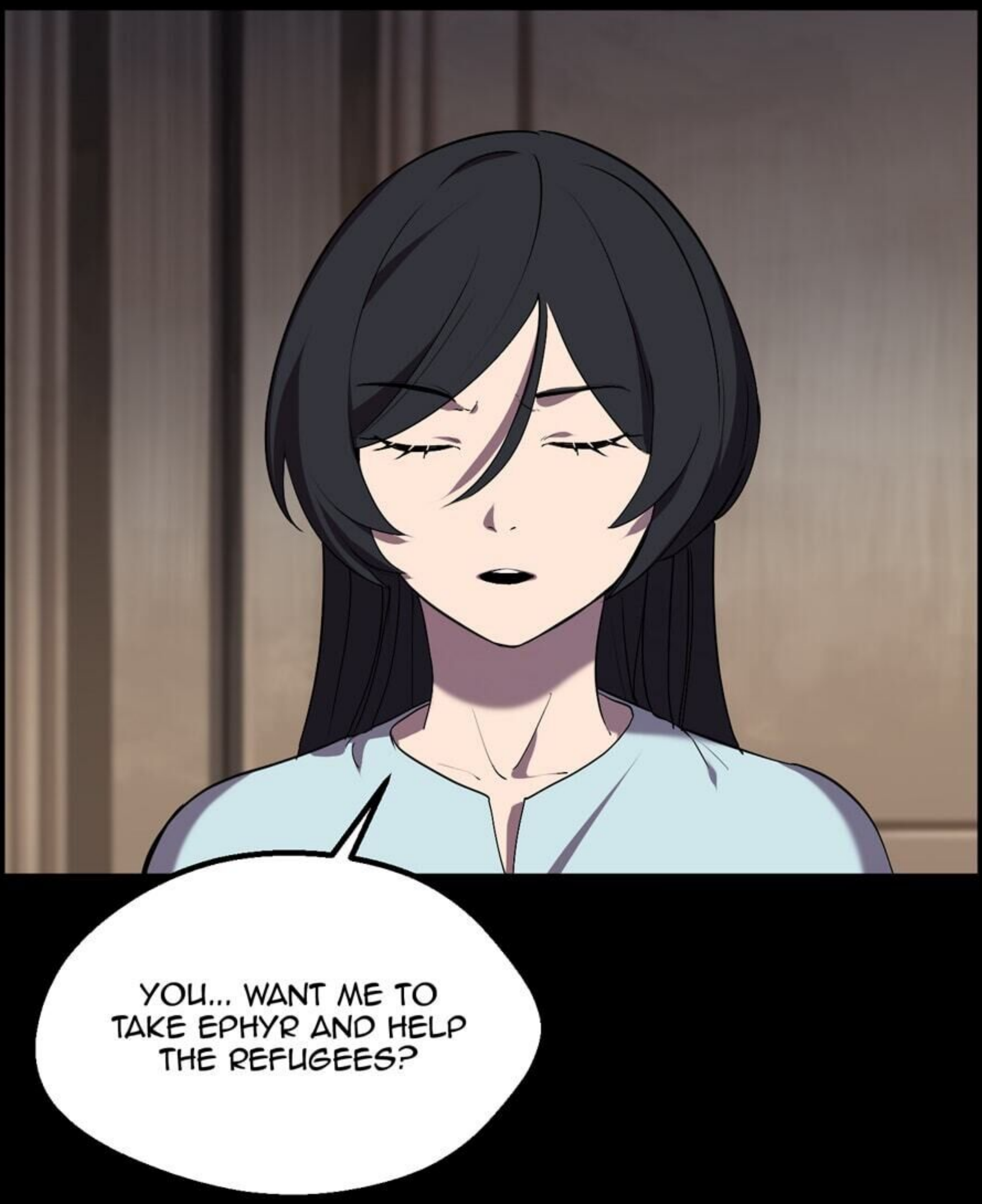
YOU... WANT ME TO TAKE EPHYR AND HELP THE REFUGEES?

YOU JUST NEED TO CAPTURE THE MONSTERS NEAR THE REFUGEE CAMP FROM TIME TO TIME.

MR. HANDY! CAN YOU LEAD THE REST OF THE SUPPORT TEAM?
YES, SIR! WHAT AN IMPORTANT DUTY FOR A NEWCOMER LIKE ME!

I'LL MAKE SURE NOT TO DISAPPOINT YOU, MR. ALEJANDRO!

WHY IS HE LETTING US OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN? TO HELP THE REFUGEES, AT THAT?

HE MUST BE PLANNING SOMETHING...

OH, MR. HANDY.
CAN YOU CHECK ON
THAT WYVERN EVERY DAY
FROM NOW ON?

IT TRIED TO
ESCAPE LAST TIME.

RIGHT, ELISE?

YES, SIR.
I'LL KEEP AN EYE
ON IT TOO.

IF I EVER HELP EPHYR ESCAPE, HE'LL PUNISH THE SUPPORT TEAM FOR IT.

AND LASTLY...
WE'VE BEEN KEEPING THIS PLACE HIDDEN SO FAR IN ORDER TO KEEP THINGS FAIR,

BUT I HEAR MANY REFUGEES WISH TO LIVE HERE.

STARTING NOW, WE'LL BEGIN TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT THE DRAGON'S NEST

AND ALLOW REFUGEES TO RELOCATE HERE AFTER SOME SCREENING PROCESSES.

THIS MAKES NO SENSE...
HE'S BEEN TRYING SO HARD TO KEEP THIS PLACE A SECRET, LETTING IN AS FEW PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE!

WHY DOES HE WANT TO LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT THE DRAGON'S NEST NOW?

ELLIE!

GRAAAAAGH

EPHYR!

KYAK!

THUD

ELLIE!

ARE YOU OK?
ARE YOU HURT?

NNG... UGH!

WH-WHAT'S WRONG?

...MAYBE YOU NEED TO WASH UP FIRST.

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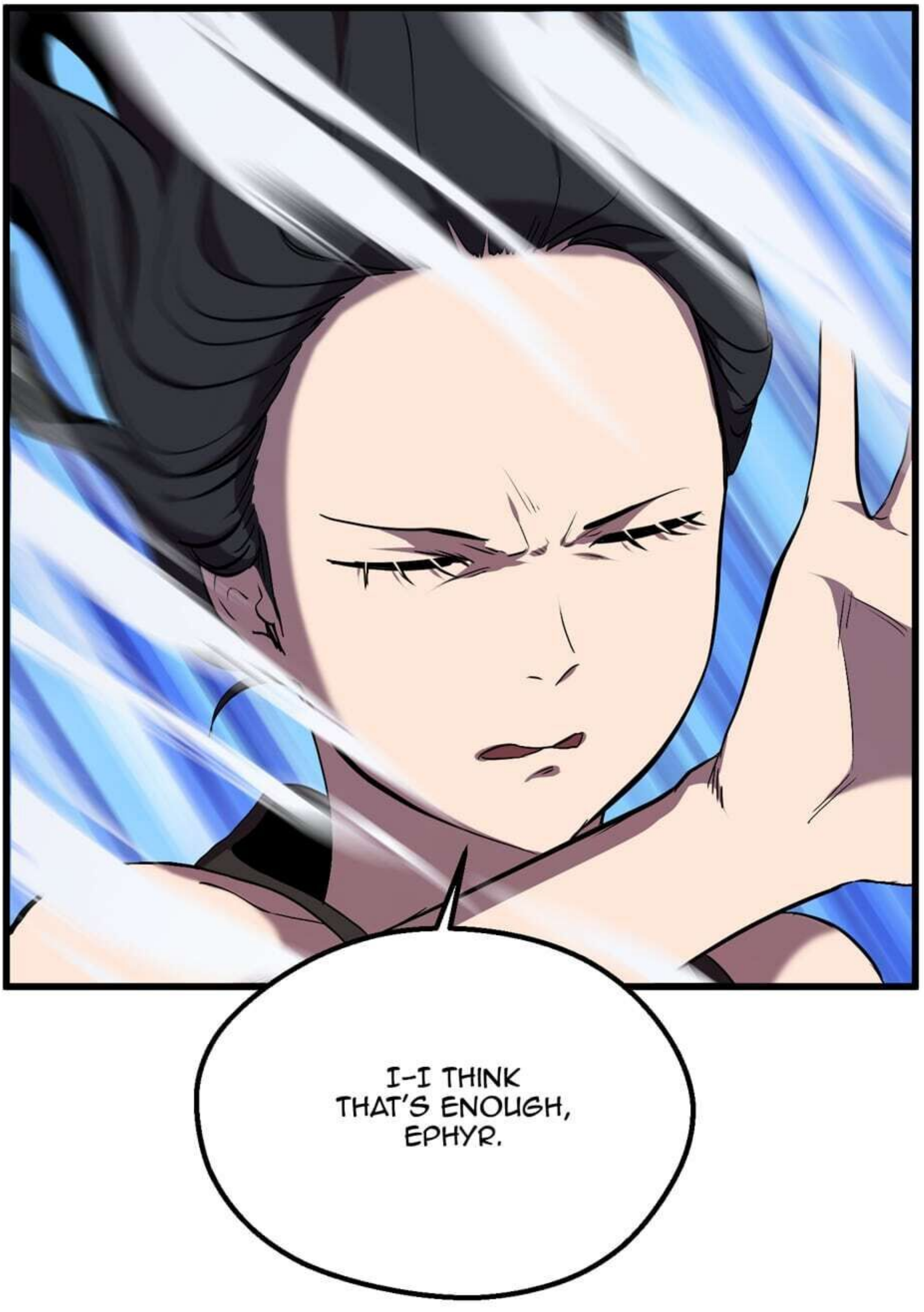
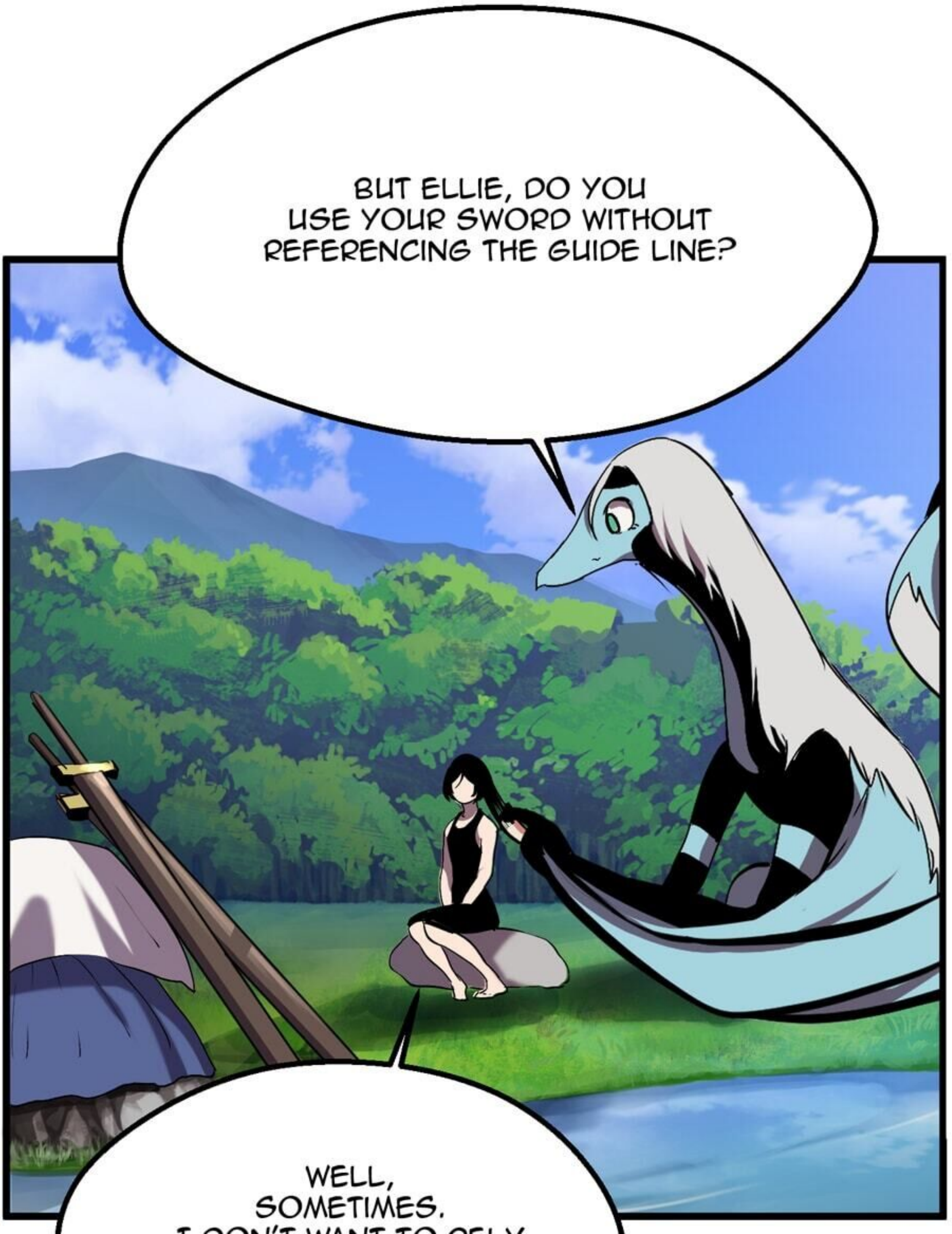

I-I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH, EPHYR.

NO WAY! YOU'VE GOT SUCH BEAUTIFUL HAIR. IT'D BE A SHAME TO NOT DRY IT COMPLETELY.
FLAP
FLAP
TH-THANKS, BUT...
THERE MIGHT BE SOME MONSTERS LEFT AROUND HERE.

THERE'S NO NEED TO HUNT DOWN EVERY SINGLE WILD MONSTER!
I'M SURE THEY REALIZE NOW THAT THIS AREA IS FOR HUMANS.
YOU THINK SO?

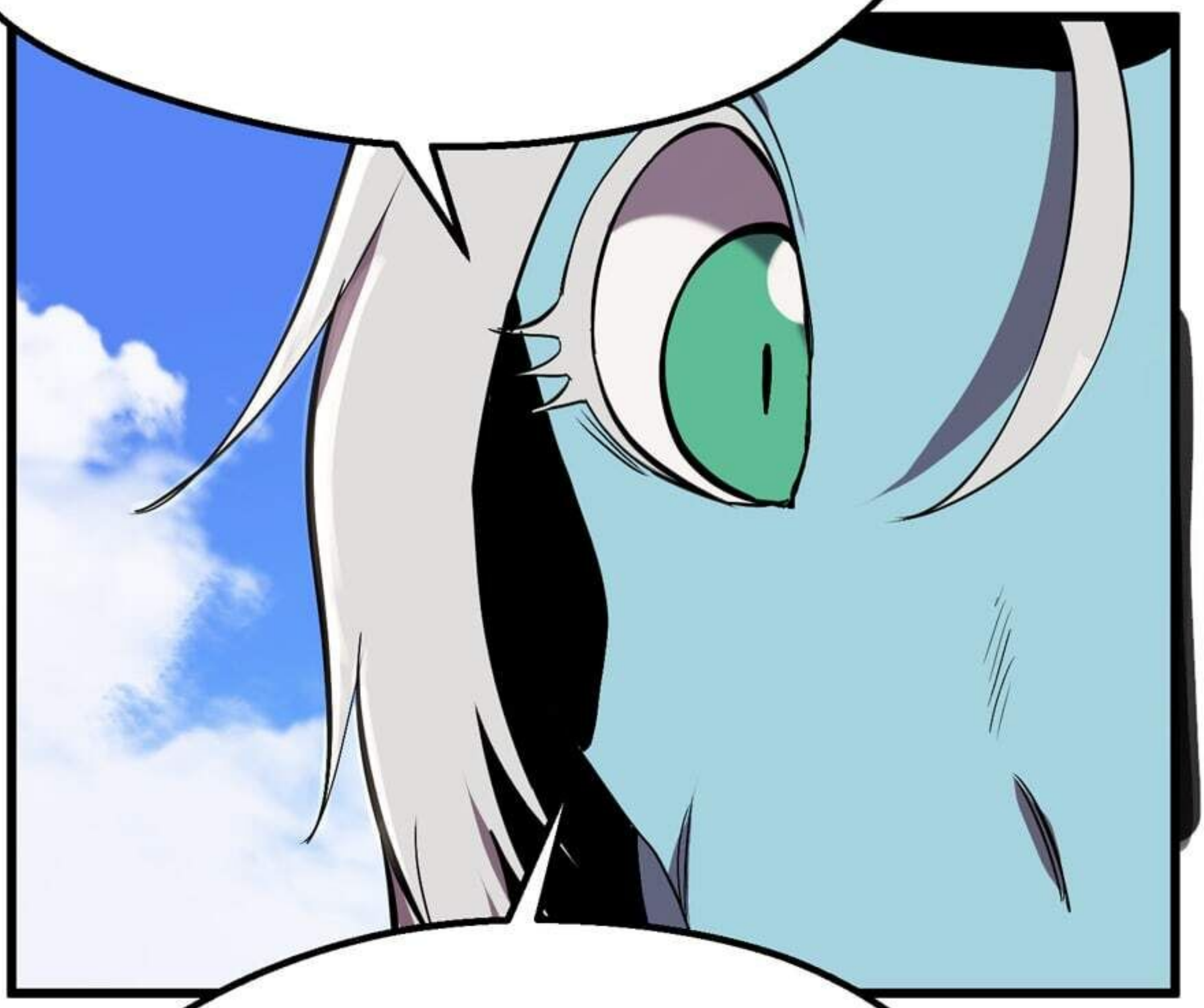
OF COURSE~!
I'VE BEEN LIVING
AS A WILD MONSTER
MYSELF FOR A WHILE,
YOU KNOW~?



I DON'T WANT TO RELY ON THE GUIDE LINE TOO MUCH.

YOU CAN TELL?

HEHE~! THE GUIDE LINE'S PATTERN IS EXACTLY THE SAME EVERY TIME. I PROBABLY MEMORIZED IT BY NOW.



BUT SOMETIMES, YOUR TIMING IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT, SO I WAS JUST CURIOUS.

WELL... IT'S TRUE THAT THE GUIDE LINE CAN GIVE YOU THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO FIGHT WITH A SWORD.
BUT WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I SAW SOMEONE USE A SWORD IN THE MOST AMAZING WAY! THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO LEARN EVENTUALLY.

I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HUNTERS WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
MY MOTHER USED TO BRUSH MY HAIR EVERY MORNING.

I NEVER IMAGINED SHE'D BE FIGHTING MONSTERS ALL DAY.

IT TOOK A WHILE UNTIL I FINALLY LEARNED THAT SHE WAS A SPELLSWORD.

I ALWAYS

THOUGHT SHE WAS JUST ***DANCING.***

I JUST FOUND HER SO GRACEFUL WHENEVER I SAW HER PRACTICE SWORD FIGHTING IN THE MORNING.

AND THAT DAY...
DIDN'T SEEM SO DIFFERENT
FROM ANY OTHER DAY.

BUT THAT WAS
THE LAST TIME I SAW HER
AND SHE NEVER CAME BACK
HOME THAT DAY.

A FEW DAYS
LATER, A MAN CAME
TO MY HOUSE.

IT WAS ALEJANDRO.

I WAS TAKEN TO THE DRAGON'S NEST BY HIM,

AND WAS IMPLANTED WITH THE GUIDE LINE.

THAT'S HOW I CAME TO BE BLIND.

I TRY TO REMEMBER HOW MY MOTHER USED TO PRACTICE.

IF I KEEP RELYING ON USING THE ARTIFICIAL GUIDE LINE HE DESIGNED...

...I'M AFRAID I MIGHT JUST END UP FEELING LIKE A RESULT OF HIS WORK.

LET'S... RUN AWAY!

I CAN TAKE YOU!
IF WE FLY WESTWARD NOW,
NO ONE CAN CHASE US.
EPHYR...

I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HEART, BUT I CAN'T DO THAT.

IF I RUN AWAY, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE ALEJANDRO FINDS ANOTHER VICTIM.

HOW ABOUT WE GO TO AN INQUISITOR AND TELL THEM ABOUT ALEJANDRO?

THAT WON'T WORK EITHER.

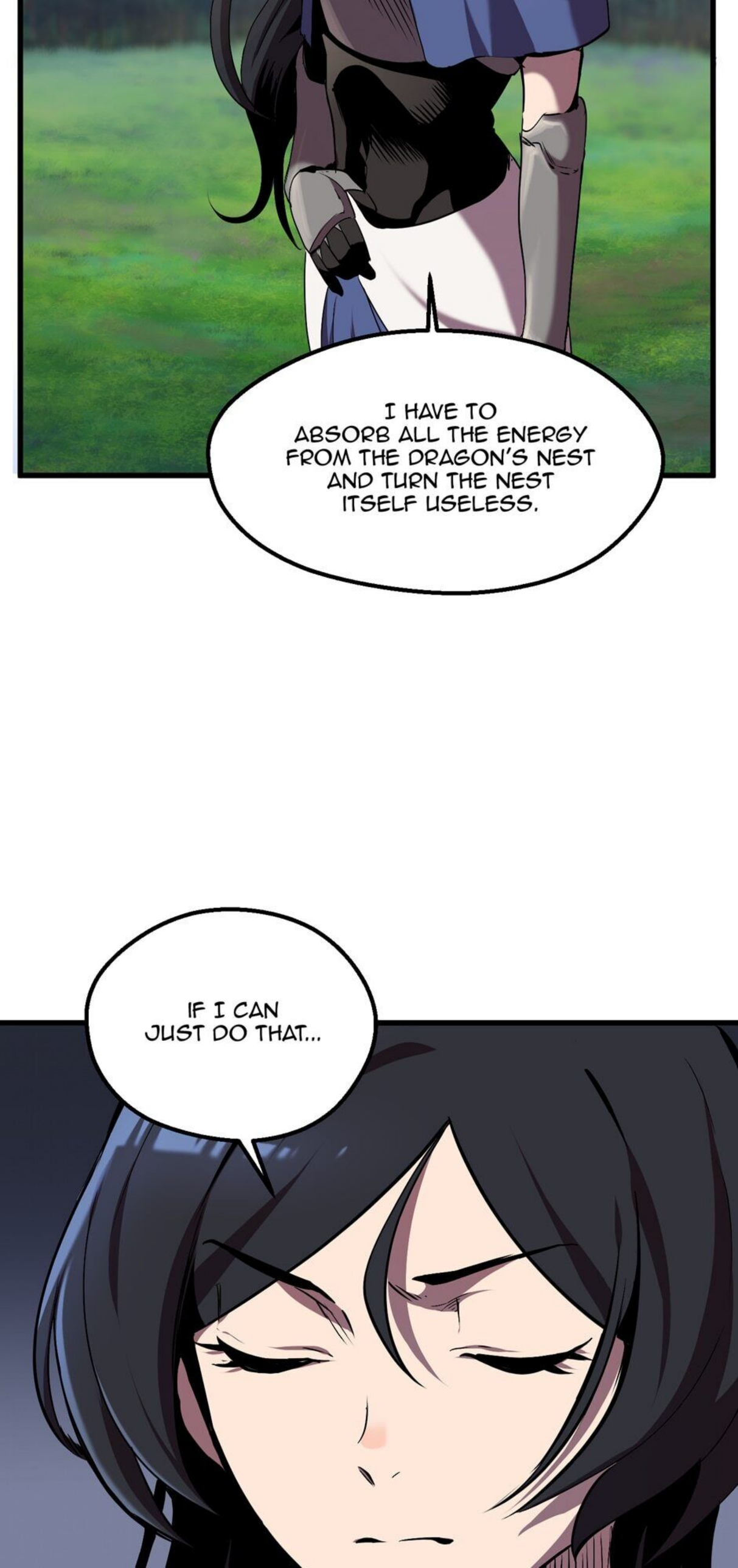
I DID ASK FOR HELP FROM PEOPLE IN THE TOWN BEFORE,

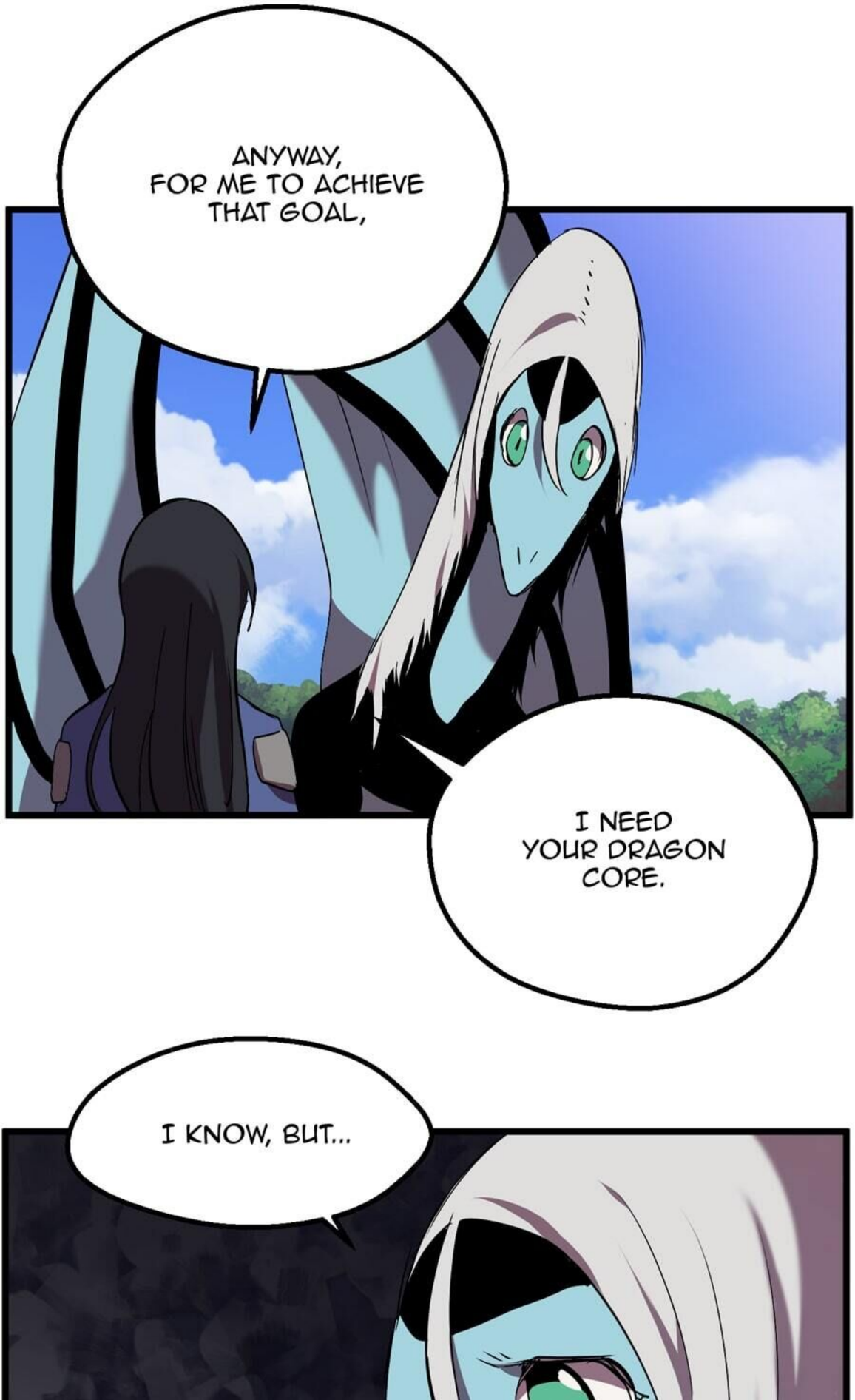
BUT THEY JUST TURNED UP DEAD THE NEXT DAY.
WHENEVER I REFUSED TO TRAIN...
AND WHENEVER I REFUSED TO BE A PART OF HIS EXPERIMENTS...
HE HAD NO PROBLEM

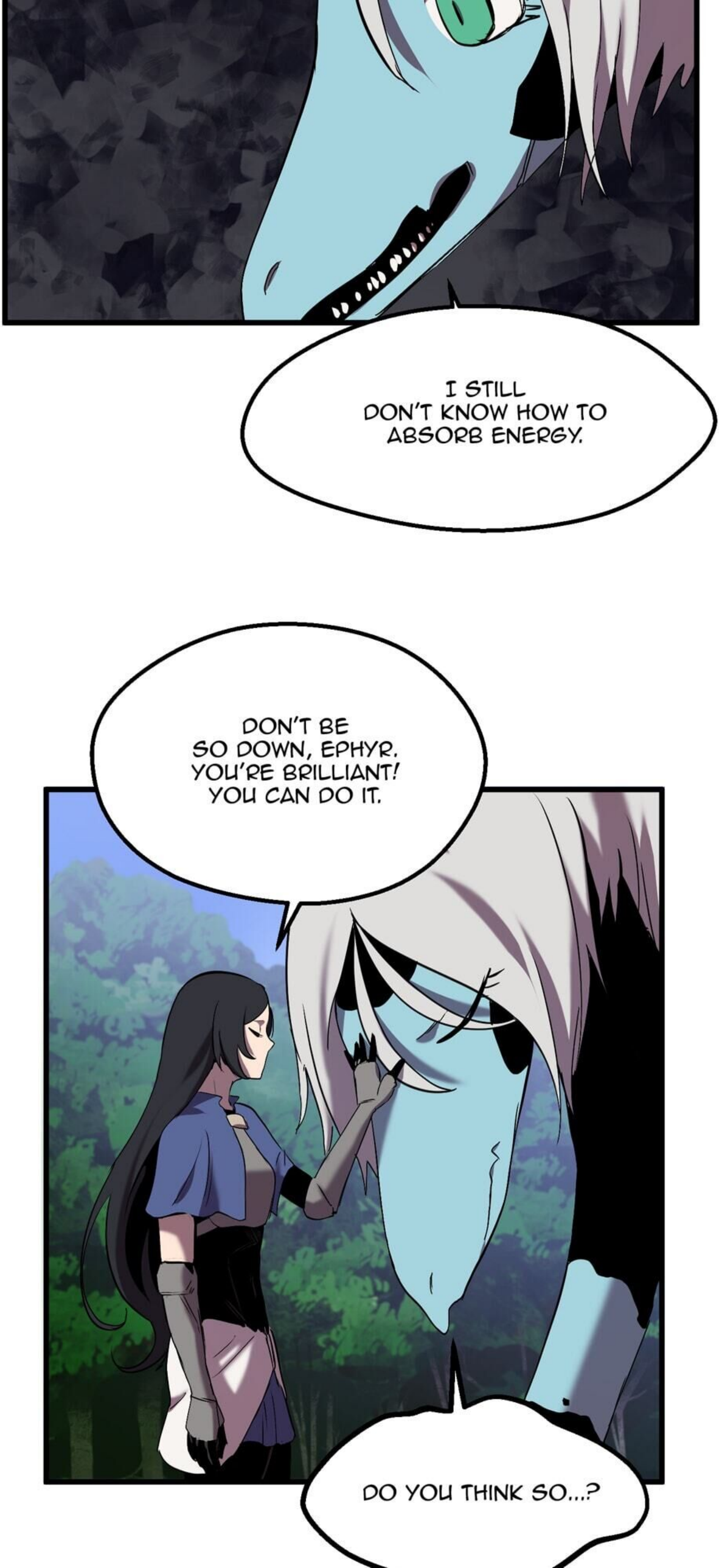
KILLING INNOCENT PEOPLE

JUST TO MAKE ME OBEY HIM.

ULTIMATELY, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO GET AWAY FROM HIM AND THE OTHERWORLDERS.


I HAVE TO ABSORB ALL THE ENERGY FROM THE DRAGON'S NEST AND TURN THE NEST ITSELF USELESS.
IF I CAN JUST DO THAT...


ANYWAY, FOR ME TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL,
I NEED YOUR DRAGON CORE.
I KNOW, BUT...


I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO ABSORB ENERGY.
DON'T BE SO DOWN, EPHYR. YOU'RE BRILLIANT! YOU CAN DO IT.
DO YOU THINK SO...?

THEN YOU'LL BE A LEGENDARY WYVERN THAT'S AS POWERFUL AS A DRAGON!
HEHE~ MAYBE I COULD EVEN START USING BREATH ATTACKS THEN!
YOU'RE A GENIUS WYVERN!

THEN WE BETTER HURRY BEFORE ALL THE OTHER DRAGONS COME HERE.
FLINCH
OTHER DRAGONS?

YES. IF THEY START TELLING EVERYONE ABOUT THE DRAGON'S NEST HERE,

I'M SURE OTHER DRAGONS WILL HEAR ABOUT IT TOO!

THAT'S IT!

ALEJANDRO
IS USING THE DRAGON'S
NEST AS BAIT TO REEL IN THE
ANCIENT DRAGONS!

WHAT?
ANCIENT DRAGONS?
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO
FIGHT THEM EVEN IF
THEY COME!
NO...
ALEJANDRO IS
NOT THE TYPE TO
GAMBLE.

HE'S CONFIDENT HE CAN EXTRACT THE CORE OUT OF A DRAGON AS SOON AS HE FINDS ONE!

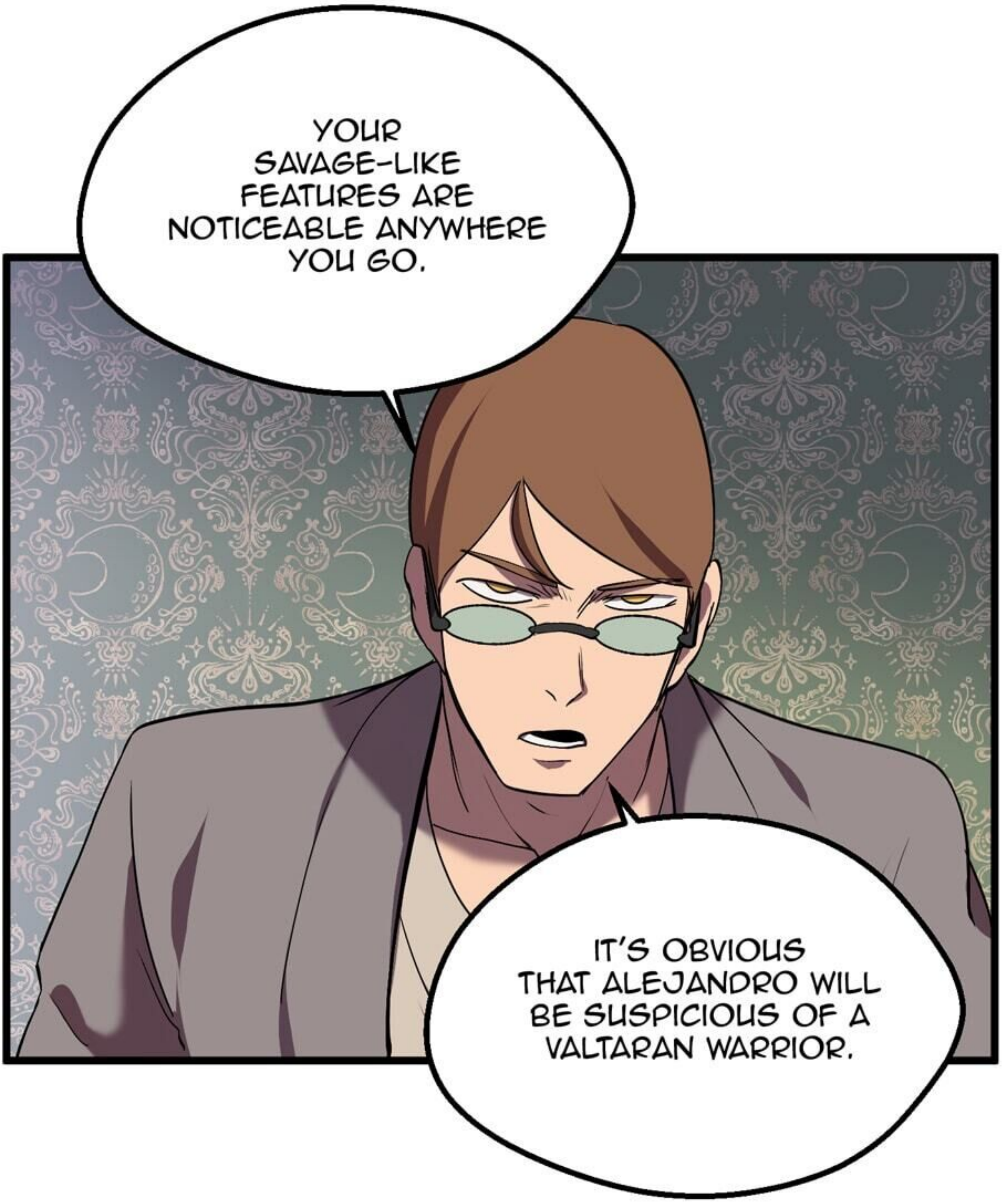
MR. ARTIS,
YOU MUST INFILTRATE
THIS GROUP ALONE FOR
THIS MISSION.

BY MYSELF?

WE HAVE PAPERWORK PREPARED FOR YOU TO HIDE YOUR IDENTITY, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.

ALEJANDRO'S BEEN LOOKING FOR MAGES TOO, SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM TO HARM YOU.
WE ALREADY HAVE PERSONNEL INSIDE THE GROUP, AND THEY'LL HELP--
SWIN
I'M GOING, TOO.

IT'S A SUICIDE MISSION TO INFILTRATE THE ENEMY'S BASE ALONE.
I'M GOING WITH HIM.
PELADD...


YOUR SAVAGE-LIKE FEATURES ARE NOTICEABLE ANYWHERE YOU GO.
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT ALEJANDRO WILL BE SUSPICIOUS OF A VALTARAN WARRIOR.

THERE'S NOTHING TO DISCUSS THEN.

WE WILL NOT TAKE THIS JOB.

LOOK FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

I ACCEPT THE COOPERATION REQUEST OF THE CHURCH OF LIGHT.

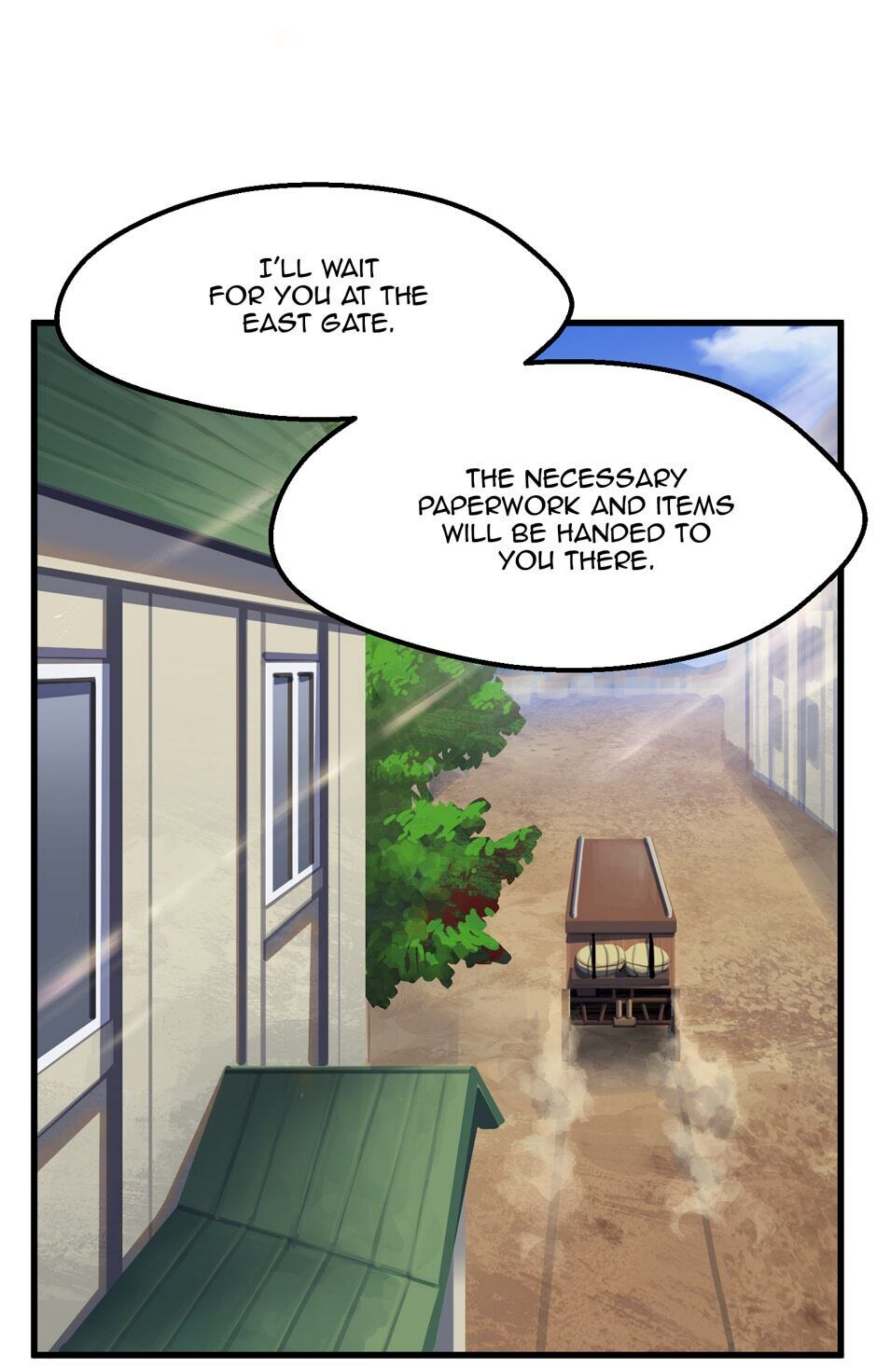
AND,
I WILL HANDLE
THIS MISSION
ALONE.

ARTIS...!

PELADD BIN!
DON'T FORGET THAT
YOU'RE MY BODYGUARD.

I DECIDE
WHETHER OR NOT I TAKE
UP A JOB OFFER.

I GUESS WE'RE SETTLED THEN.


I'LL WAIT FOR YOU AT THE EAST GATE.
THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK AND ITEMS WILL BE HANDED TO YOU THERE.

ARTIS!!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT A PLACE LIKE THAT! HOW COULD YOU JUST AGREE TO DO IT?

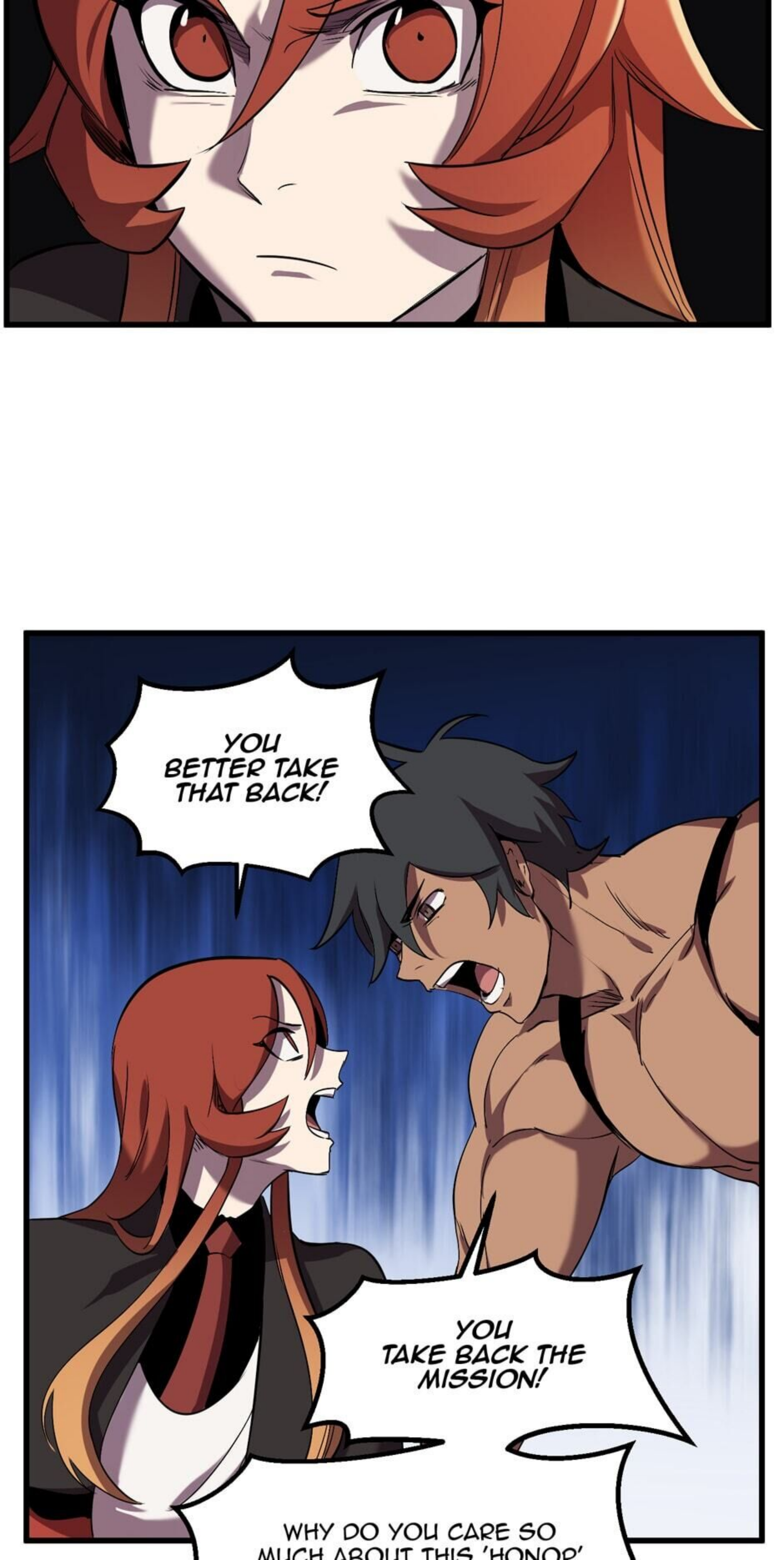
I KNOW IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO WORK WITH THE CHURCH OF LIGHT.
BUT I CAN'T HELP YOU AT ALL IF YOU DO THIS ALONE!
TELL HIM YOU CAN'T DO IT!
I'LL TELL HIM MYSELF IF YOU DON'T!

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
THE HONOR OF THE BANNISTER FAMILY DEPENDS ON THIS.
AND THIS JOB WAS ONLY MEANT FOR A BANNISTER, TOO.

SO WHAT? I SHOULD JUST BUTT OUT?

IF YOU'RE GONNA TALK ABOUT BEING A BANNISTER, I SHOULD REMIND YOU THAT YOU'RE A ***DRAGON!***

THE BANNISTERS ARE A ***HUMAN*** FAMILY AND YOU HAVE NO PART IN IT!!


YOU BETTER TAKE THAT BACK!
YOU TAKE BACK THE MISSION!
WHY DO YOU CARE SO MUCH ABOUT THIS 'HONOR'

MUCH ABOUT THIS HONOR OF THE BANNISTERS?

I MAY JUST BE A DRAGON, BUT MY OLD MASTER SAVED MY LIFE!

SHE WOULD'VE RISKED HER LIFE TO DESTROY THAT NEST. THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ALLOW IT TO EXIST!

IS THERE NO SUCH THING AS HONOR TO OTHERWORLDERS?

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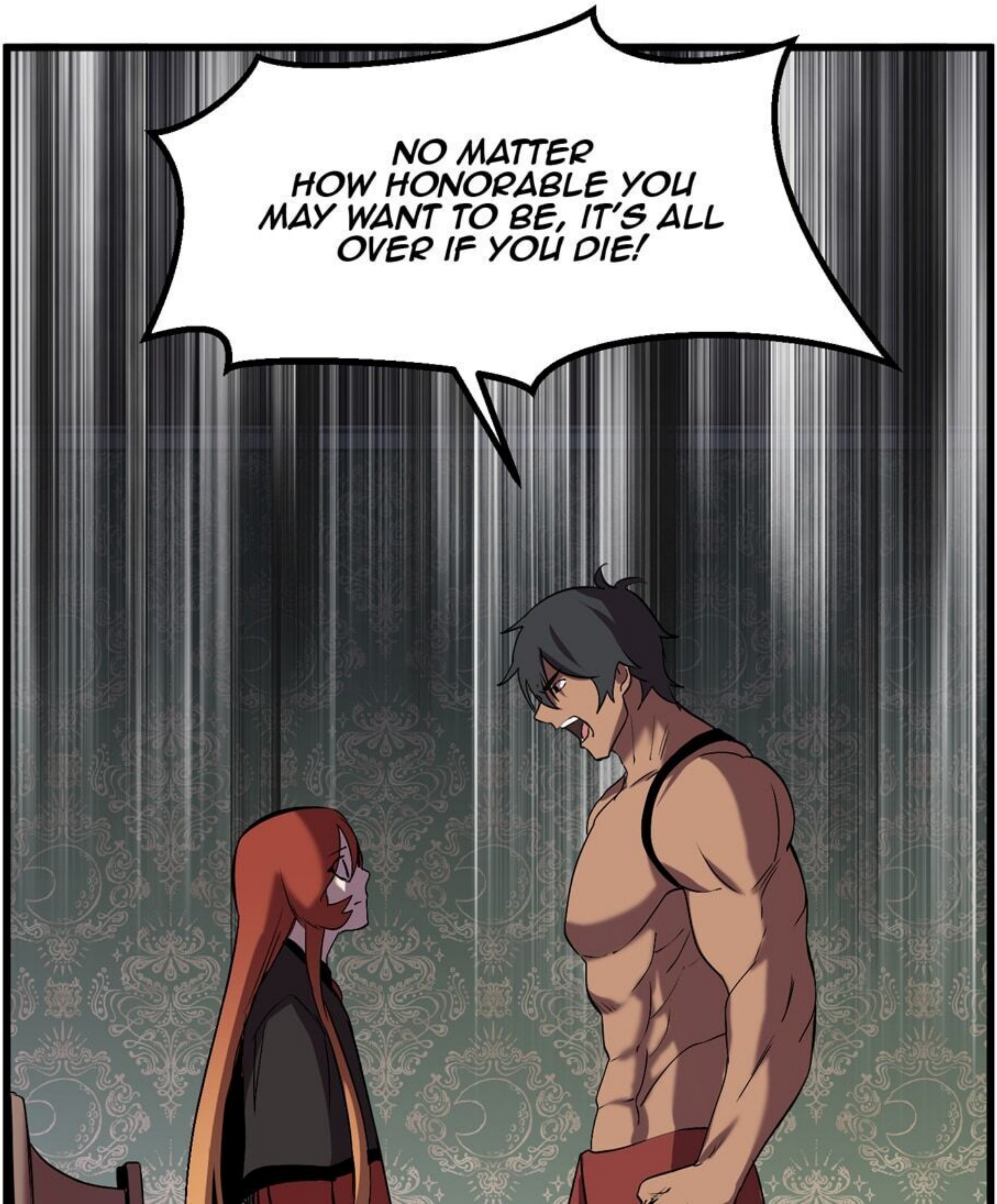
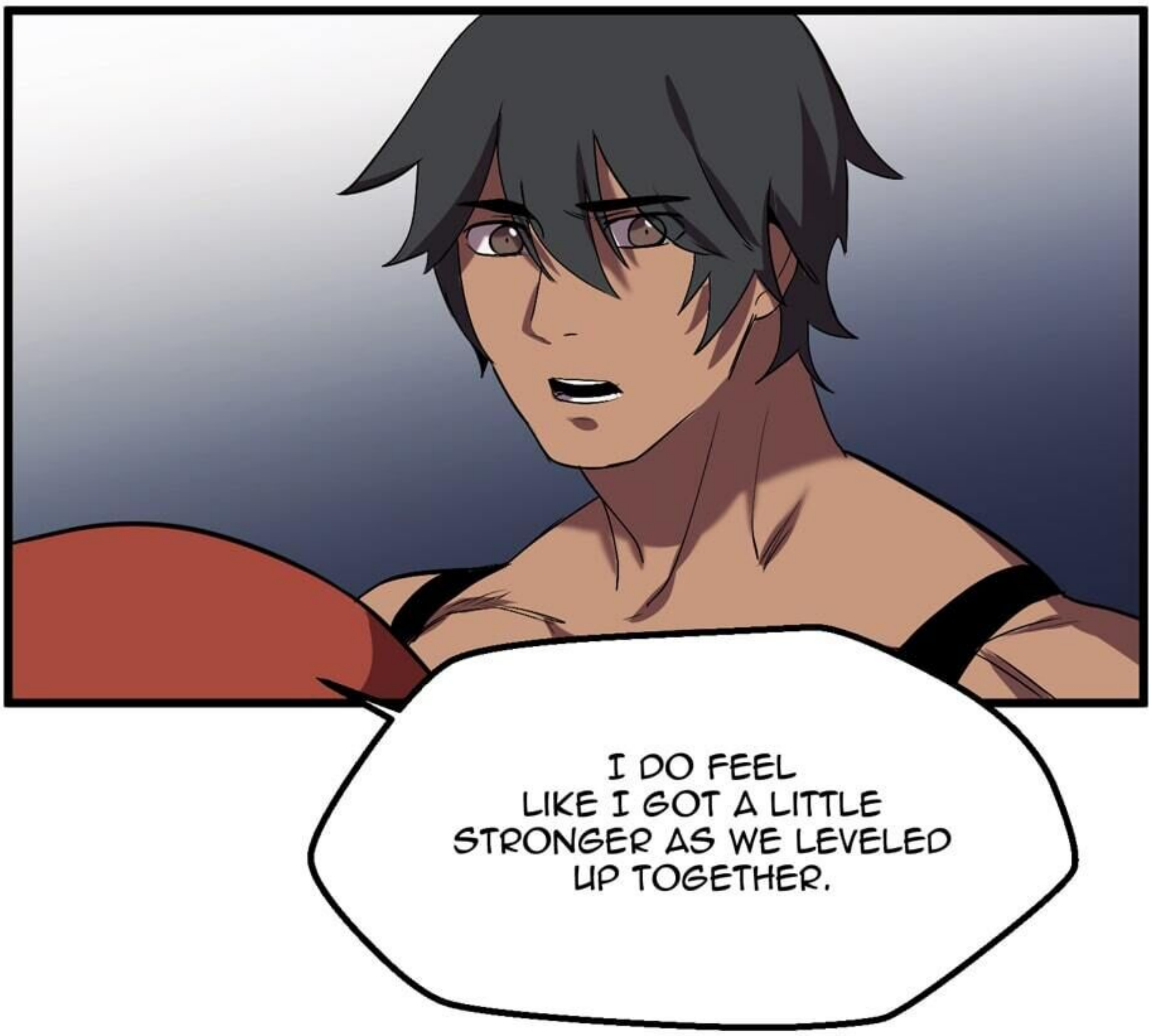

NO MATTER HOW HONORABLE YOU MAY WANT TO BE, IT'S ALL OVER IF YOU DIE!

...
YOU KNOW...


I DO FEEL LIKE I GOT A LITTLE STRONGER AS WE LEVELED UP TOGETHER.

I WON'T DIE. DON'T WORRY.

CLACK

CLUNK
CLUNK

THESE ARE THE ITEMS TO HELP YOU GO UNDERCOVER.
AND THIS IS YOUR PAPERWORK.
THAT CERTIFICATE SHOWS A LOWER LEVEL THAN YOU ACTUALLY ARE SO THEY WON'T BE SUSPICIOUS,

AND THAT PAGE HAS YOUR NEW INFORMATION--

EXCUSE ME.

I KNOW HOW TO READ, THANK YOU.

COULD YOU KEEP QUIET FOR A SECOND SO I CAN FOCUS?

...YES. PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME.

IT LOOKS LIKE HE JUST HAD A FIGHT WITH A SPOUSE OR SOMETHING...

WELL, THAT'S FINE TOO.

THERE'S A MISTAKE HERE.

IT SAYS MY GENDER IS FEMALE.

DRRK

OH, THAT'S NOT A MISTAKE.

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO PUT ON MAKEUP, MR. ARTIS?

WHAT...?

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE